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Rock Hill Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Miguel Aviliz Cruz (DOB: 8/3/1988) of Rock Hill, S.C., on multiple child pornography charges. The Rock Hill Police Department, a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force made the arrest.

Investigators state Cruz communicated with a minor via social media. Cruz persuaded the victim to share sexually explicit photos with him under threat of releasing other sexually explicit photos of the victim.

Cruz was arrested on Jan. 13, 2017. He is charged with two counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, First Degree, (§16-15-395) a felony offense punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment and one count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable by up to 10 years of imprisonment on each count.

The case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

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